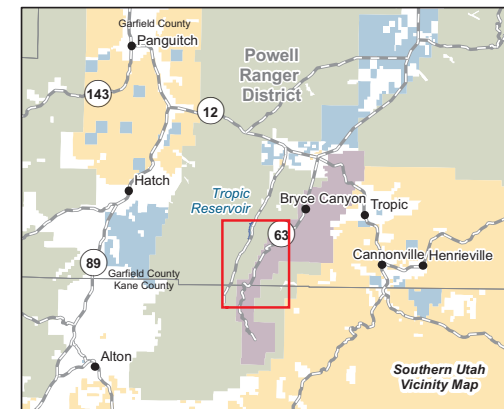


Powell Ranger District
Bryce Canyon National Park
Bridge Fire
07/16/2009



Fire Perimeter 07/16/09 AM 2623 Acres	Forest Service
Fire Perimeter 07/14/09 PM 1795 Acres	Bryce Canyon National Park
Fire Perimeter 07/14/09 AM 491 Acres	BLM
Fire Perimeter 07/12/09 357 Acres	Private
Fire Perimeter 07/10/09 336 Acres	State
Fire Perimeter 07/08/09 297 Acres	Highways
Fire Perimeter 07/01/09 287 Acres	Improved Roads
Fire Perimeter 06/30/09 255 Acres	Unimproved Roads
Fire Perimeter 06/25/09 207 Acres	Closed Roads
Fire Perimeter 06/22/09 47 Acres	Unauthorized Roads
Fire Perimeter 06/21/09 25 Acres	Trails
Fire Perimeter 06/16/09 12 Acres	
Fire Perimeter 06/15/09 9 Acres	

Lightning ignited the Bridge Fire on June 14th 8 miles south/southwest of Bryce Canyon City. The Dixie National Forest and Bryce Canyon National Park are managing the west side of the fire for resource benefit, and the east side for full suppression using minimum impact suppression tactics. The fire is burning in ponderosa pine, pinyon-juniper, manzanita and Douglas Fir. By managing the fire for resource benefits on the west side, hazardous fuels will be reduced and overall forest health improved. As of July 12, the fire had grown to 357 acres. Strong easterly winds increased fire behavior dramatically on July 14th and pushed the fire into Bryce Canyon National Park. As of July 16th the fire has burned more than 2600 acres. Smoke from the fire may be visible from Highway 12, Highway 63, East Fork Road and surrounding communities. Road closures associated with this fire include Forest Roads 30098, 31128, 31130, and 31134, and the southern portion of the main Park road.



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